

*The Homegoing Celebration of  
Sister Lee Ivory Richardson*

*Service Held*

*Thursday, March 3, 2011*

*11:00 a.m.*

*Sunrise*  
June 2, 1937

St. John  
Missionary Baptist Church  
662 South 52<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Richmond, California

*Dr. Kevin B. Hall*  
Pastor and Officiator

*Sunset*  
February 19, 2011







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## *~ Order of Service ~*

*Musical Prelude ..... Bro. Terry Brown / Bro Ulis J. Redic*

*Processional ..... Clergy, Family and Friends*

### *Scripture Reading*

*Old Testament - Pastor Ulis G. Redic, Mt. Zion B.C.*

*New Testament - Rev. Eric Morris, Pilgrim Rest M.B.C.*

*Invocation ..... Pastor Emeritus John H. Green, St. Luke M.B.C.*

*Selection ..... "Order My Steps" ..... Pilgrim Rest M.B.C. Reunion Choir*

*Resolution ..... Sis. Ann Lucas, St. John M.B.C.*

*Acknowledgements ..... Sis. Delores Murray, St. John M.B.C.*

*Solo ..... "When You Hear of My Homegoing" ..... Sis. Elizabeth Walker, St. Luke M.B.C.*

*Expressions ..... (2 Minutes Please) .....*

*Bro. George Smith, Sis. Sherry Mims, Bro. J.C. Farr III, Sis. Veronica Keeton*

*Mahaganay Threets, Sis. Otheree Green, Sis. Etta Spearman*

*Obituary ..... Sis. Iola Baker, St. John M.B.C.*

*Solo ..... "Amazing Grace" ..... Min. Julius Van Hook, Genesis Worship Center*

*Words of Comfort ..... Dr. Kevin B. Hall*

*Parting View ..... Rose Manor Funeral Services*

*Recessional ..... Rose Manor Funeral Services*

### *Interment*

*Rolling Hills Memorial Park*

*4100 Hilltop Drive ~ Richmond, California 94803*

*Repast - R.L. Johnson Fellowship Hall*

*St. John Missionary Baptist Church*



## *The Life of Sister Lee Ivory Richardson*

Sister Lee Ivory Richardson was born in Chidester, Arkansas on June 2, 1937 to the late Mr. Perry Williams and the late Mrs. Rosie Williams. She was the third oldest of eight children. She accepted Christ at an early age and united with Bethel A.M.E Church of Chidester, Arkansas. She attended school in Chidester where she graduated.

Sister Richardson moved to Richmond, California in 1960 where she joined Mt. Zion B.C. under the leadership of Pastor Clyde Nolen where she was an active choir member. Down through the years Sister Richardson provided home health services as an aide and worked for the West Contra Costa School District as a substitute teacher. In 1981 Sister Lee Ivory moved her membership to the St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor John H. Green where she also participated as a choir member.



In 1982 Sister Lee Ivory met Rev. C. E. Richardson, Pastor of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church of Richmond, California. On September 25, 1982 they were united in Holy Matrimony by Pastor John H. Green.



Sister Richardson flourished in many different departments at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. She had a deep passion for helping the elderly. She actively participated in the choir. She was 3rd Vice President of the W.M.U. She served as Youth Director of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church and was active within the Progressive District Youth Department. She chaired the C. E. Richardson Scholarship Fund committee and knew the importance of providing opportunities for our children to obtain a higher education; she served in this capacity until her passing. She was wonderful at putting on exceptional programs such as: The Annual Crab Feast, the Annual Soul Food Dinner for the Youth Department, and the One Hundred Men in Black program along with the One Hundred Women in Red and White. Sister Lee Ivory would put together special programs such as the Sweetheart's Banquet and the Pre-Mother's Day Banquet. She was good in fund raising for all departments throughout the church. She was instrumental in getting speakers for annual days. She also





participated in feeding the less fortunate at Brookside Shelter. Sister Lee Ivory was an active member and served well with the California State Baptist Progressive District Minister's Wives.

In October of 2010 Sister Lee Ivory Richardson moved her membership to the St. John M.B.C. where Dr. Kevin B. Hall is the pastor. In her plans to assimilate into the St. John Family, she joined the Golden Agers Ministry and recently shared her plans to join the Mother's Board with the pastor. As quoted in Proverbs 31:26 "She openeth her mouth with wisdom: and in her tongue is the law of kindness". She was a true scholar and loved by many. We will miss her.

Sister Lee Ivory Richardson departed this life on February 19, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, Pastor C. E. Richardson, a son Travis Leonard Mims, her parents Perry and Rosie Williams and six brothers (Terry Williams, Franklin Williams, Johnnie Williams, Robert Williams, Albert Williams and Frederick Williams).

She leaves to cherish her memory three children David Earl Williams (Evallunda) of Chidester, Arkansas; Rose Mary Gill of Sacramento, California; Darrell Williams of Richmond, California; one sister, Ethel Mae Wallace of Garden Grove, California; One brother, Don J. Williams (Doris) of Chidester, Arkansas; six grandchildren, Quincey Williams, Mahaganay Threets, Travis Mims, Tarunda Williams, Tiffany Williams and Patrick Wheaton; five great grandchildren, three aunts Irene Gales (Jack) of Stockton, California; Rozetta Caldwell of Pasadena, California; Theo Carter of Chidester, Arkansas; Uncles, Jessie Brown (Mary) of Hercules, California and Vernon R. Brown of Oakland, California; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. She leaves two special friends who will cherish her memory, Sis. Mary Martin and Sis. Bettye Johnson. Sister Lee Ivory Richardson is gone but she will never be forgotten!



*Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord, rejoice. Look to the Lord, and his strength; seek his face always.*  
*Psalms 105:1-4*



### *Your Cross*

Whatever your cross, Whatever your pain  
There will always be sunshine after the rain  
Perhaps you may stumble, Perhaps even fall  
but God is always ready to answer your call  
He knows every heartache, and sees every tear  
A word from His lip can calm every fear  
Your sorrow may linger throughout the night  
but suddenly vanish at dawn's early light  
The Savior is watching somewhere above,  
to give you His grace and send you his love.

By Darrell Williams

### *Weep Not For Me*

Do not stand at my grave and weep  
I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond  
Glimpse on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken  
in the morning hush, I am the swift uplifting rush  
of quiet birds of circled flight. I am the soft stars  
that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry,

I am not there, I did not die...

By Darrell Williams

### *A Letter to Mama.*

Mama, I just spoke with you on Thursday, you never said that you were going away to stay.

Mama, I never thought it would end so soon. My heart is broken and my eyes are filled with tears.  
If I did not have Jesus I would not be able to go on without you. I can't believe it is going to end this way  
so soon. I'm missing your smile, hugs and the sound of your voice. Mama who will I talk to day to day  
and at night. You've seen me through the bad times and the good times. Even in sickness you held my hand  
like only a loving mother could. You gave me sound wisdom that I didn't always like but at the end  
of the night everything was all right. Mama it's so very hard to say goodbye. Well Mama I'm feeling  
all alone but I'm happy because you've made it home.

P.S. Mama, tell Poppa Richardson, Travis, and the other Saints I said hello.

By Terry Brown

### *Acknowledgments*

*The Richardson Family would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness during our time  
of sympathy. Your prayers, calls, food dishes, and visits will remain with us. We ask that you  
continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to heal from our loss.*

### *The Richardson Family*

### *Pallbearers*

Brother Terry Brown ~ Brother Quincey Williams ~ Brother George Smith  
Brother Greg Corbett ~ Brother David Earl Williams ~ Brother Don Williams

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Brother Kevin Hunter ~ Brother Bruce McGill ~ Brother Maurice McGill ~ Brother Darrell Williams  
Brother Ulis J. Redic ~ Brother Travis Lamar Mims ~ Deacon Herbert Brown  
Deacon Otis Felder ~ Brother Chester Blackman

### *Arrangements entrusted to:*

Rose Manor Funeral Service

3331 MacDonald Avenue ~ Richmond, Ca. 94805







